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BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Taro ITO
IMAGE PROCESSOR
Assignee: NEC CORPORATION
Our Ref: Q64711

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 09/257,953 (Confirmation No. Unknown) filed February 26, 1999 of Taro ITO entitled IMAGE PROCESSOR.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 6 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement, and a PTO Form 1449 listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the parent application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2672.

A Preliminary Amendment is submitted herewith.

Priority is claimed from February 27, 1998 based on Japanese Application No. 64683/1998. The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 09/257,953.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	2 - 20	=		x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	1 - 3	=		x	\$80.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee							\$710.00

TOTAL FILING FEE

\$710.00

A check for the statutory fee of \$710.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire



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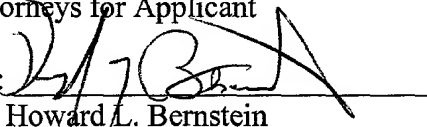
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pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,
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